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**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Hearing
Minutes of January 16, 2012**

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Krista Steger, Bob Mantegari (arrived late), Malcolm Allison (Attending electronically), John Lyon, Jeff Bryan (Select Board).

Absent: Dianne Vosgien (School Board Representative)

Public present: Ken Christiansen, Crystal Buswell, Amy Wilson, Katey, Lisa Swasey.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Motion to approve corrected draft minutes from January 9, 2012. Krista/John, approved, 6-0, by roll call vote.
2. School Coop Budget Status (Brentwood Rep). The proposed operating budget of \$49,945,945.00 passed at the Advisory Budget Committee Meeting. The default budget, should this budget fail is \$49,365,552.00, a \$580,393.00 difference from the proposed and is an increase of .91%. In addition the three warrants for proposed contracts passed and the Capital Reserve WA for maintenance passed.

These are all to be presented at the deliberative session: all voters in SAU 16 invited. Only the operating budget can be amended at this session. What is voted at the deliberative session is what the SAU 16 towns will have to vote on, either up or down, at the polls March 13.
3. Swasey School Budget. No report, School Representative was absent.
4. Town Budget Status (Select Board Rep) There are two budgets that are approved, the Budcom approved budget is \$3,429.00 less than the Select Board approved budget. The Budcom approved budget is \$2,731,291 (an \$11,947 or .44% increase over last year's budget. The Select Board approved budget is: \$2,734,720, \$15,376 over last year's budget or a .57% increase. Motion to approve Budcom budget, Bill/Bob. Approved 4-3, roll call vote.
5. Town Warrants (Select Board Rep). As of now, nine special warrant articles being discussed and proposed as follows:
 - i. Bridge repair to add \$20,000 to the existing Capital Reserve for repair of town bridges. Motion to approve, Jeff/John, approved, 7-0 by roll call vote.
 - ii. Road repair to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for road repair. Motion to approve, Bob/John, approved, 7-0 by roll call vote.
 - iii. Highway vehicles, to raise and appropriate \$50,000. To add to the existing Capital Reserve for the lease purchase or purchase of highway vehicles and related equipment. Motion to approve, Bob/John, approved 7-0 by roll call vote.
 - iv. Highway Building, to establish, under RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve, of \$50,000 for the purpose of capital improvements to the highway building,

- (Deferred, Select Board to discuss at their next board meeting, Jan. 17, 2012)
- v. New Storage Building, to establish, under RSA 35:1, a Capital Reserve of \$50,000. for purpose of the construction of a new storage building for sand and salt (to comply with state regulations to go into effect in 2016). (Deferred, Select Board to discuss at their next board meeting, Jan 17, 2012)
 - vi. Police vehicle replacement; to raise and appropriate \$32,000 for the purchase of a new police cruiser and related equipment. Total amount needed to be raised is \$17,000. Police Special Detail revolving fund balance of \$15,000 will be withdrawn and appropriated. Motion to approve: Bob/John, approved 6-1 by roll call vote.
 - vii. SeaCare Health Services, to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to provide funding for Seacare Health Services. Motion to approve, Bob/John, approved 7-0, by roll call vote.
 - viii. Mosquito Control, to raise and appropriate \$30,500 to fund the town mosquito control program. Motion to approve, Krista/Jeff, approved, 7-0 by roll call vote.
 - ix. Library Trustees have Warrant Article for \$3000 to be added to the existing Library Maintenance Fund, to fund long term and/or unexpected maintenance/repair to the library building and grounds. Select board to discuss establishing a revolving fund to provide this need for all town buildings at their next meeting, Jan 17, 2012. Town owns all buildings and should be providing this coverage. Library trustees were advised of this provision discussion, to establish a capital reserve fund not to exceed \$150,000 over three years. Motion to approve, Krista/Jeff, not approved 7-0 by roll call vote.
6. Public Hearing on February 6, 2012. Elyse to prepare draft article for Brentwood newsletter on the budget for the public hearing and circulate to Budcom for review.
7. Other Business. Since several warrants are still being discussed and revised at the Selectmen meeting tomorrow, Elyse added and posted a January 23 meeting to discuss and vote on any additional budget issues. John asked if we have state revenue numbers and Elyse advised we only have estimates and this is normally the best we have to plan ahead. We believe the revenue numbers will be about the same as last year, we do not expect additional funds from the state.
8. Public Comment None

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 23, 2012, at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:10, Jeff/Bob 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

William C Faria